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SUBJECT: UK TARIFF TREATMENT OF KRAFT LINERBOARD

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1. DEPARTMENT OF TRADE (DOT) HAS NOW DECIDED TO PROCEED TOWARD HAVING IMPORT DUTIES TEMPORARILY REDUCED ON KRAFT LINER. THE NEXT STEP IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ASKING INTERESTED PARTIES TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS. WE HAVE OBTAINED A DRAFT OF THE NOTICE ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON IT. SUGGEST API VIEWS ALSO BE SOUGHT. IN ORDER TO MEET PRESS DEADLINE FOR DOT MAGAZINE WE NEED ANY SUGGESTED REVISIONS BY OPENING OF BUSINESS HERE MARCH 17.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

"APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF IMPORT DUTY

"THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE IS CONSIDERING AN APPLICATION  
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FOR THE TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF IMPORT DUTY ON THE

MATERIAL AS LISTED BELOW.

"REPRESENTATIONS ARE INVITED FROM PRODUCERS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WHO CONSIDER THAT THEY ARE. OR WILL BE WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD, ABLE TO SUPPLY A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF UNITED KINGDOM DEMAND FOR THE GOODS IN QUESTION. OR WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THEIR FUTURE PRODUCTION.

"TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS OF DUTY NORMALLY COME INTO EFFECT ON THE OPERATIVE DATE OF THE TREASURY ORDER IN WHICH THE GOODS ARE SPECIFIED AND IN THIS CASE WOULD REMAIN IN OPERATION UNTIL THE DATE SHOWN BELOW. AFTER THAT DATE THE FULL RATE OF DUTY ON THE GOODS WILL BE 8.5 PER CENT. THE RATE APPLICABLE UNDER THE COMMON CUSTOMS TARIFF. AND THERE WILL THEN BE NO DUTIES CHARGEABLE ON IMPORTS HITHERTO SUBJECT TO THE M RATE. REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO GENERAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE. KINGSGATE HOUSE. 66/74 VICTORIA STREET. LONDON SW1E 6SJ, PREFERABLY THROUGH A TRADE ASSOCIATION GIVING THE REFERENCE SHOWN BELOW.

"REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY 1976.

"TARIF HEADINN - 48.0L

"PROPOSED DEFINITION FOR TARIFF PURPOSES: KRAFT LINER, IN REELS WEIGHING MORE THAN 115 GRAMMES PER SQUARE METRE, CONTAINING NOT LESS THAN 80 PER CENT BY WEIGHT OF CHEMICAL SULPHATE SOFTWOOD CELLULOSE FIBRE AND HAVING A MULLEN BURST RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 35, NOT BEING KRAFT LINER MANUFACTURED WHOLLY OF SULPHATE CELLULOSE FIBRE AS SPECIFIED IN SUBHEADINGS 48.01CIA)1 AND 48.0LCLIB)11

"RATES OF DUTY - CURRENT: FULL: L2 PER CENT; M: 3.0 PER CENT.

"RATES OF DUTY - PROPOSED: FULL: 10.5 PER CENT; M: 2 PER CENT.  
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"REDUCTION REQUIRED UNTIL: 30 JUNE 1977

"(OTE: KRAFT LINER WHOLLY OF SULPHATE FIBRE IS CURRENTLY CHARGEABLE AT A FULL RATE OF DUTY OF 10.4 PER CENT AND AN M RATE OF 2 PER CENT: AFTER 30 JUNE 1977 THE RATES FOR BOTH KINDS OF KRAFT LINER WILL BE IDENTICAL.)" END TEXT

3. COMMENT: (A) REASON FOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
10.4 FIGURE IN NOTE BELOW TEXT AND 10.5 FIGURE FOR  
"PROPOSED" RATE OF DUTY IS THAT 10.5 IS THE EC CXT AT  
THE PRESENT TIME AND THEREFORE CONSTITUTES A FLOOR  
BELOW WHICH THE UK TARIFF CANNOT GO. (B) THE TERM  
"M" REFERS TO CURRENT RATE FOR IMPORTS FROM OTHER EC  
COUNTRIES ARMSTRONG

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